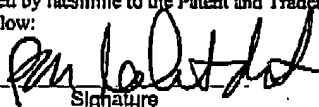


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2006, please amend the application as show and consider the included remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** are shown on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

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